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Enclosed herewith for the patent application identified above entitled ELONGASE GENES
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1. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (2 Pages), in duplicate;
2. Copy of International Search Report (5 Pages);
3. Form PTO 1449 (1 Page), in duplicate;
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. Applicants respectfully petition and request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence such consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form. Copies of the listed documents are attached.

Documents listed in this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, were first cited in an International Search Report dated December 16, 2002 issued by the European Patent Office in International PCT Application No. PCT/US01/23259. (A copy of the Search Report has been enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.)

Reference FR 2648347 is not in the English language; therefore, Applicants submit herewith the translated English version of the abstract. If the Examiner further requires a full translation, she is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists, and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art". If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

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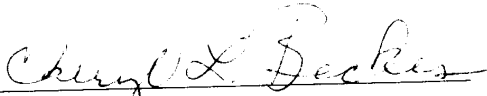
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